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Hythe, Saturday Evening
19th October 1833

My Dear Miss Clark,

It gives me much pleasure to announce the safe arrival of Jane Forbes. Yesterday afternoon I went over to Woolmers and just as I was about to wish Mr. Tho^s. Archer good night, having waited until dark, Mr. Friend drove up to the door with his fair charge - She was quickly transferred to my gig which was in waiting, and after expressing my very best thanks to Friend in my very best way I drove off with my prize.

Ann is pleased with her quiet manner and decent appearance and her want of beauty as you may suppose, does not distress us. I do not know how sufficiently to thank you for the trouble you have taken. Ann has lately been exerting herself beyond her strength and I trust she will now be able to take her rest. My own time is occupied more fully with business than suits my taste or habits - There is so much to do that I have no time for reading or reflection until evening when my poor body is

usually so much fatigued that I am fit for nothing but sleep - I have lately been busied breaking in my horses to draught & have now two which work remarkably well in a cart - One is a very fine steady gig horse - The other is yet to be tried in the gig. I have also a beautiful little Arab to break in for a lady which I should be happy to keep for your riding if you would come & stay with us.

The foundation of the house is finished, but my bricks are so bad that I must wait three weeks for fresh ones - The carpenters however continue their preparations without interruption. The price of wheat is looking up and I am happy to say my crop looks remarkably promising - A good crop at a fair price would be a most opportune help in building my house which I expect will not cost less than £1200. I wish the bustle of it were over and that my wonted quiet & content were regained but spite of all my watchfulness I cannot avoid being "cumbered about many things" Ray is gone further over his troubles in this way - We hear nothing of him and as for his intended visit it seems to have died away "like music on the ocean."

The very sound of it has ceased in our ears.

We hear nothing of John's love affair - The young lady is almost a stranger to us. I would she were older - young & foolish are words almost synonymous. I suspect from the feeling I entertain towards young folks that I am getting an old fellow myself; and indeed my head is grey.

I wish the indications of wisdom were as plain - but to revert to the young - My little Ann entered her first year to day - We have not been able to keep the anniversary but I hope Miss Jane will continue some time or other to be present at the birth days of our little ones which I do not propose to allow always to pass by thus unnoticed.

Ann sends her love.

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely
W. W. Weston.

P.S. I should mention that Jane Forbes behaved remarkably well on the road and Mr. Weston has no reason to repent his kindness - I am to settle expenses the first opportunity.